

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Guidance for Improving Air Quality through Economic Incentive Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing the extension of the public comment period on the draft guidance for States that wish to use an economic incentive program (EIP) to achieve air quality improvements (62 FR 50086, September 15, 1999). The draft guidance -@Draft Economic Incentive Program Guidance@ (EPA-452/D-99-001, September 1999) -is a comprehensive update of EPA's 1994 EIP rule and guidance (59 FR 16690, April 7, 1994). It also incorporates some components of EPA's 1995 proposed model rule for open market trading (60 FR 39668, August 3, 1995, and 60 FR 44290, August 25, 1995), as well as comments received on that proposed rule.

DATES: Written comments on this draft must be received on or before December 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on this proposal (two copies are preferred) to: Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6101), Room M-1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Attention: Docket No. A-99-27, 401 M Street, S.W., Room M-1500, Washington, DC 20460. The docket may be inspected between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm on weekdays, and a reasonable fee may be charged for copying. The Air Docket may be called at (202) 260-7548. Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

A-and-R-Docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file

avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect file format (version 6.1 or earlier versions) or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number A-99-27. Electronic comments on this draft may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To allow sufficient time to review the draft guidance for improving air quality through economic incentive programs before submitting comments, the EPA is extending the public comment period on this proposal from September 15, 1999 to December 10, 1999.

Electronic Availability --You can obtain electronic copies of the draft EIP guidance for review and comment from the OAR Policy and Guidance section of EPA's Technology Transfer Network Website (TTNWeb). The Uniform Resource Location (URL) for the home page of the web site is <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>. You can find the draft EIP guidance on this web site under the heading titled *What's New*. If you need additional assistance with these web sites, call the TTNWeb Helpline at (919) 541-5384.

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